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> Petition of MCImetro Access Transmission Services, LLC and Brooks Fiber Re: Communications of Tennessee, Inc. for Arbitration of Certain Terms and conditions of Proposed Agreement with BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. Concerning Interconnection and Resale Under the Telecommunications Act of 1996

Docket No. 00-00309

Dear Jon:

Attached is a proposed Protective Order for your review. Pursuant to the Notice of Procedural Schedule issued in this docket on October 27, 2000, this agreement needs to be in place by November 27, 2000. If the attached proposed Protective Order is acceptable to your client, please execute the signature page and return it to me at your earliest convenience. We will file it with the Authority upon receipt of your signature. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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